

A WORLD REFUGEE DAY ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

In honor of World Refugee Day on June 20, we invite individuals, churches, and partners to use this toolkit to show their support for the children, women, and men forced to flee. World Refugee Day marks a day we lift up the courage, strength, and perseverance of refugees worldwide.

As people of faith invested in the work of welcome, we have to utilize our stories to ensure that elected officials promote and maintain our nation's admirable tradition of refugee resettlement and implement humane and just immigration policies. On this World Refugee Day, Episcopal Migration Ministries and The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations invite you to join in the work of welcome through advocating for our newest neighbors.

Five Ways You Can Take Action:

- 1. Write your member of Congress**
The Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) makes it easy for you to let your members of Congress know that you support refugees. Taking action on World Refugee Day to urge support for refugee resettlement and protection is one of the most impactful things you can do!
- 2. Tweet your support on World Refugee Day**
Use hashtags #WRD19 #SupportRefugees #RefugeesWelcome
- 3. Share your support with friends and family on social media**
Use these graphics on Facebook and Instagram and these sample tweets and tag @EMMRefugees and @EPPN
- 4. Host a Refugee Sunday**
This is an opportunity to celebrate and share the Church's ministry of welcome, teach about refugee resettlement, and inspire the local community to take action in support of refugees and immigrants. Host a Refugee Sunday and share the message of welcome and hope with your community through stories, reflection, and prayer.
<https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/emmrefugeesunday>
- 5. Join Partners in Welcome.**
Be part of an online network and learning community dedicated to welcoming newcomers, empowering advocates, and supporting local ministries. The Partners in Welcome community offers resources, webinars, workshops, an online forum, and up-to-date news. Join today at www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/partnersinwelcome.

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From Episcopal Migration Ministries and The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations

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Additional resources from The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations:

Join the EPPN to stay informed about refugee & immigration policies:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/OGR/eppn-sign-up>

Refugee and Immigration resources:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/OGR/migration-refugees-immigration>

Backgrounder: Episcopal Church Advocacy on Refugees and Immigration:

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/ogr_advocacy_refugee_and_immigration_overview.pdf

Watch: Understanding Our Immigration System:

<https://vimeo.com/266357612>

Official Episcopal Church policies on immigration & refugee issues:

<http://bit.ly/episcopalpolicy>

Civil Discourse Curriculum:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/OGR/general-advocacy-resources>

Faith & Citizenship: A Guide to Effective Advocacy for Episcopalians:

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/ogr_faith_citizenship_2016.pdf

Ten Actions to Accompany Undocumented Immigrants:

<http://bit.ly/10actionstoaccompany>

On-Demand Webinar Video: “Local Action: New Strategies to Build United Communities”

<http://www.ilctr.org/promoting-immigrants/ilc-workshops/research/>

Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relations with Refugees and Muslims

<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/neighbors-together>

Security screening of refugees admitted to the U.S.:

<http://bit.ly/securityscreening>

Research Report: Policy Advocacy for Immigrants and Refugees:

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/ogr_immigration_and_refugees_policy_advocacy_archives.pdf

Research Report: Policy Advocacy for Families and Young People:

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/ogr_immigration_and_youth_policy_advocacy_archives.pdf

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